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## APOLOGY

Full and Ampie Made by the Louisville Times to the Hibernians.

Representative Business and Professional Men Paid a Call.

Future Selections Will Be in Keeping With Dignity of Journal.

## THE HERALD'S DRAMATIC CRITIC

Last week the Kentucky Irish American had occasion to call attention to articles in the Louisville Times that ridiculed St. Patrick and reflected on the Irish people and on the Catholic religion. The Irish and the Catholics were quick, individually and collectively, to resent the caricatures and the scurrilous articles. On Friday the Times published on its editorial page "Our Apologies to St. Patrick." The editor went on to state that in the hurry and stress of publishing an afternoon paper objectionable articles occasionally creep in. To many the apology was not at all acceptable, and on Monday night a special meeting of the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held for the purpose of expressing the indignation of the members. Every member of the board had something to say in regard to the objectionable matter, and they expressed themselves very forcibly. The following committee was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions and to present a copy of them to Col. W. B. Haldeman, editor-in-chief of the Times, and to Col. Robert W. Brown, its managing editor: State President George J. Butler, County President John A. Murphy, John M. Mulloy, William T. Meenan, Judge Patrick T. Sullivan and William J. Connelly.

The gentlemen composing this committee met the Times' management on Wednesday at noon. After a full and free discussion of the matter Col. R. W. Brown gave the committee a guarantee that such objectionable articles were published through error and promised that under no circumstances would the Times offend again. The committee then left thoroughly satisfied with the ample apology and the promise for better supervision of the matter. Col. R. W. Brown gave the committee a guarantee that such objectionable articles were published through error and promised that under no circumstances would the Times offend again. The committee then left thoroughly satisfied with the ample apology and the promise for better supervision of the matter.

The apology published in the Times last week was as follows:

"In the makeup of the metropolitan afternoon newspaper, with its concentrated rush of news covering all of the day's happenings the world over, the wonder is, not that mistakes are made, but that their occurrence is not more frequent. That reflection, however, does not lessen the regret of the Times when a mistake does slip into its columns or cause it to delay the amende honorable. And such amend is due to our good friends, the Irish, because, tucked into a syndicate article dealing with the life and labors of the good St. Patrick, there was discovered after Tuesday's editions had gone to press evidence that the author had in one instance permitted his supposed sense of humor to get the better of his sense of reverence. So, skillfully was this concealed, that though the proof was read by one of St. Patrick's most faithful followers, it escaped his notice.

"It is the Times' fixed purpose never to deal lightly with questions of religious belief. That it has appeared to do so in this instance is due solely to an error born of accident, not intent."

Now that the Times has been disposed of, there is another local journal that needs attention from the Irish, the Catholics and other decent people. One who signs himself C. D. and who has long been known for his Socialistic tendencies, his irreverence for all forms of religion, and his contempt for the Irish and hatred for the Catholic church, is writing some of the dramatic criticisms for the Louisville Herald. Friday morning of last week he wrote a miserable screed about the performance of Chas. J. O'Leary, the romantic Irish actor who played at Macaulay's Theater during the last half of the week. Mr. O'Leary resented the criticism from the stage Saturday evening, and later sent a note to the Times which was promptly published. Mr. O'Leary said, among other things: "I do not object to being stoned just because I am Irish."

"That is it in a nutshell. None of the Irish people object to honest criticism of their faults, failures or misdeeds, but they do most seriously object to being pointed at with contempt because they are Irish. The Times has come when Irishmen are leaders at the Louisville bar; when they are leaders in the field of medicine and in the pulpit and in the schools and colleges of this city and State; when they are leaders as merchants and manufacturers. They read, they think and they advertise. If they quit reading and quit advertising in journals that slur their race and faith perhaps offending editors and publishers will do the thinking."

## HOSPITAL MUDDLE.

Louisville's poor old City Hospital seems never to be at an end of its troubles, probes and investigations. During the present week three things developed—that Dr. J. J. Menefee, the Superintendent, expects to leave the institution and will go to Europe;

that the cook, Philip Hoffman, was investigated, and that Councilman Krebs, whose brother is the alleged steward at the institution, inspired the investigation.

M. Krebs, a brother of the Councilman, according to Dr. Menefee, is utterly incompetent for the position of steward. Councilman Krebs says Philip Hoffman is the cook. Hoffman told him that his brother had paid \$500 for the office of Councilman and that he intended to make all he could out of it. Out of all this tangle there is no telling what developments may come, but meanwhile the poor patients are suffering.

## SURPRISED

Were County Board Members at Division 4's Showing.

The County Board delegates who were present at the meeting of Division 4, A. O. H., Monday evening at Bertrand Hall, expressed their surprise and gratification at the unusually large attendance, considering that no notices had been sent out and no special business of importance was to be transacted. This had been a regular occurrence of late and President John Hennessy and his fellow workers seem determined to make the division the largest in the South or Southwest. James A. Sexton, Sylvester Doyle and M. J. Collins were elected as members and Edward McGarry and John Holmes were received and obligated. Newton G. Rogers, who transferred from Division 1, was received and delivered a short talk on the purposes of the Catholic Federation, of which he is the local President.

John Fitzgibbon and Thomas Dignan, of the Entertainment Committee, reported that they were arranging an entertainment for members of all divisions and the Ladies' Auxiliary shortly after Easter in Bertrand Hall. Capt. Joseph P. McGinn, of the Hibernian Knights, stated that the division were regularly under his instructions, assisted by Lieut. Thomas J. Langan, and invited the members to be present at any of their drills. William T. Meenan, of Division 2, presented a handsome clock to Division 4 on behalf of his division. William White, James Keady, Col. Mike Hogan and John F. Murphy were proposed for membership, the last named being a son of County President Murphy, and promises to be "a chip of the old block" in the ranks of Hibernianism.

## FAITHFUL SOUL

Who Was Always Resigned to God's Will Called Home.

One of nature's noble women was called to her heavenly home early last Sunday morning when Mrs. Katherine Moisee passed away after suffering for a fortnight. In her last agony, as in all her trials through life, she was patiently resigned to the will of God. Not only is she mourned by two daughters, Mrs. John Gray and Mrs. William White, but by hundreds of friends all over the city, who admired her for her many virtues and humble Christian life.

Mrs. Moisee was born in Ireland sixty-six years ago, but had lived in Louisville half a century. While still a young woman she was left a widow with two small children. Despite hardships and adversities she never faltered but accepted good fortune and bad as the will of her Maker. She instilled the same spirit in her children, and died as she had lived, a faithful Christian and an affectionate mother.

Two weeks ago she was seated in her room at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gray, Thirty-seventh and Chestnut streets, and did not notice that one of her limbs had become numb. When she attempted to stand she fell and the limb was fractured at the hip. This injury resulted in her death.

The funeral took place from St. Charles Borromeo's church Tuesday morning, and the Rev. Father Raffo paid a splendid tribute to the deceased, to her virtues and her dying faith. Her wisdom and goodness. She was one of those good women whose example will do much toward forming the characters and lives of those who knew her. Many sorrowing friends accompanied the bereaved daughters to rest in their mother laid tenderly to rest in St. Louis cemetery.

## WELL PLEASED.

Knights of Columbus Secure Home On Fourth Avenue.

Louisville Council, Knights of Columbus, on Thursday purchased the old Thomas residence, at 908 Fourth avenue, for \$13,500. The deal had been in prospect for several weeks and the work of the committee that was seeking to buy the home was fully approved Wednesday night by the entire council. The deal was closed the next day.

The new home is a commodious three-story structure of brick, but it will be remodeled and additions will be made to fit it for a model club house and assembly hall. Since the Elks' Home was destroyed by fire several months ago the Knights of Columbus have been without any quarters, and the members are all pleased that such a central location has been secured.

Work on remodeling and furnishing the new home will begin at once, as the Louisville Knights are very anxious to get into permanent quarters.

## ENTHUSED.

Supreme Council Arrangements Committee Met and Organized.

Sub-Committees are Appointed to Advise and Devise Means.

Encouraging Addresses Made by Members at First Meeting.

## JOINT OUTING IS IN PROSPECT

The Supreme Council Arrangements Committee of the Young Men's Institute met and organized at Mackin Council's club house last Sunday afternoon. The committee was called to order by Supreme Director James T. Shelley, who stated that the committee had been appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates who would attend the Supreme Council in this city next September. Without further ado the committee organized by electing Mr. Shelley as permanent Chairman; Charles S. Raily as Secretary and John J. Sullivan, Sr., as Treasurer. Other members of the committee who were present were: Trinity Council—John J. Sullivan, Sr., Edward Wolff, E. J. Cooney and Andy Keiffer. Satelli—William A. Perry. Mackin—Charles S. Raily, R. W. Galloway, Ben J. Sand, James T. Shelley, Louis J. Kieffer. Unity Council, of New Albany—Charles F. Pfeffer, J. M. Ashabanner, John Martel and William E. Soergel.

The following sub-committee on press was named: Edward Wolff, John Martel, William A. Perry and Louis J. Kieffer.

Chairman Shelley also appointed the following members, one from each of the four councils represented, to devise ways and means: Andrew Kieffer, of Trinity; J. M. Ashabanner, of Unity; W. A. Perry, of Satelli, and Ben J. Sand, of Mackin. This sub-committee will probably arrange to give a joint outing of the four councils during the summer. The general committee realizes that quite a nice sum will be necessary to properly entertain the visitors next fall and joint action of all the councils around the Falls will be necessary to meet the expense.

Fred Reisz, Grand Secretary of the Indiana Jurisdiction, delivered an address in which he complimented the committee on its splendid attendance and offered to lend the members every assistance in his power in the work they had in hand. He also impressed on the Kentucky brethren that the Indiana jurisdiction was in sound condition financially, socially and numerically, and that its members would in every way aid in making the coming Supreme Council a success.

Robert T. Burke, President of Mackin Council, complimented the committee on its attendance and enthusiasm. In fact, he said, he had never seen so much enthusiasm at a committee meeting of any character. He pledged his own and his council's assistance to the good work. Along this line also was an address from Frank G. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors of the Kentucky jurisdiction.

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## RINGS TRUE.

Platform of the New Fifth Ward Democratic Club.

The Fifth Ward Bryan Club was organized last Monday night and the following officers were elected: John Barry, President; E. L. Grossman, First Vice President; Gus Gutzwiller, Second Vice President; Henry Forsting, Third Vice President; John J. Sullivan, Fourth Vice President; J. E. Timmons, Secretary; Ed Barry, Treasurer; Charles Cherry, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The club will meet twice a month at its headquarters, 134 East Market street, the first and last Thursdays in each month. Its present membership is 163.

The following preamble was drawn up: "It being the sense of this club that the election of William Jennings Bryan is essential to the welfare of our country and to the preservation of those sacred Democratic doctrines handed down by the immortal Jefferson, and to curb the further encroachment on the constitution; to relieve the people from the arbitrary exactions of the trusts; to destroy the pernicious precedent of dictating to the American people his successor, attempted by the present President; and, by sane and equitable administration of the laws to restore con-

fidence to business and employment to the thousands who are now idle; to inter forever the 'big stick'; to advocate the readjustment of the tariff on a basis of revenue only, and the modification of the writ of injunction as applied to labor disputes, and it being our belief that William Jennings Bryan will in full measure accomplish the above policies, and in short, be a President of all the people, we therefore pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to work and organize in our respective precincts to see that only delegates favorable to him shall represent us in the coming Democratic convention."

## FINE GIFT

Made to Catholic Woman's Club For Its New Home.

Monday night at the Seelbach Hotel a most interesting meeting of the Catholic Club, composed of many of Louisville's most representative citizens, was presided over by President P. H. Callahan. In calling the meeting to order the Chairman stated that the principal object was to consider propositions for the assistance of the Catholic Woman's Club, which last week purchased the Waverly Hotel property on Walnut street for a permanent home. After a full and free discussion, participated in by Hon. Edward J. McDermott, James Hines, Dillon Mapother, Frank A. Geher, Alonzo Lavelly, William F. Blum, Jr., President Callahan, and others, it was the consensus of opinion that the most practical way to aid the club at this time would be by making a cash donation. Thereupon a resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted providing for the gift of \$1,000 to the Catholic Woman's Club. This generous act will give the ladies great encouragement, and the example set will doubtless be followed by others of our Catholic societies.

After the discussion of minor matters the club adjourned to meet on April 20, when the annual election of officers will be held.

## WEDDING BELLS

Will Peal Out Merrily For the Hubbuch-Dahlem Nuptials.

A wedding of more than usual interest in German Catholic circles will be that which unites Miss Alice Hubbuch and Val Dahlem, Jr. The marriage rite will be solemnized at St. Anthony's church at 9 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, April 23, and will be followed by a nuptial mass. The bride-elect is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sebastian Hubbuch, and has been much admired for her graces and accomplishments. Mr. Dahlem is an active and intelligent young merchant and is associated with his father, Val Dahlem, Sr., at Nineteenth and Main streets.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Father Bonaventura Ciek, O. F. M. The bridesmaids will be Misses Nettie Dahlem, Anna Hubbuch and Annie Hollenbach, while the groom's attendants will be Messrs. Louis Schranz, Emil Zeller, Philip Hollenbach, Jr., and Charles McDonald. After a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's mother, 2330 West Jefferson street, the newly married young folks will leave on a honeymoon trip of two weeks. Both of the young people are being showered with congratulations.

## RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Molter, the beloved wife of Edward P. Molter, 635 East Green street, took place Wednesday from St. Boniface church. Deceased was thirty-eight years old, and her death is mourned by all in the vicinity where she resided.

Michael Frederick McMahon, twenty-two years old, died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Kate Kalaher, 1414 Twenty-first street, last Sunday, and his funeral took place from St. Boniface church Tuesday morning. The deceased was an excellent young man, and his death is mourned by many friends.

Joseph and Anna Driscoll have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the loss of their bright and promising son, Cornelius, whose death occurred Tuesday night at the family residence, 1007 Venzel street. The funeral took place Thursday morning from St. Boniface church, the solemn services being attended by many sorrowing friends and relatives.

Robert W. Spinner, thirty-eight years old and a highly respected member of St. Paul's church, died Saturday night after a short illness at his home, 1927 Shelby street. Until recently he had been a member of the police force and left a record as a faithful and fearless officer. His wife and one child survive him, and for them there is widespread sympathy. The funeral took place Monday, Rev. Thomas York officiating at the solemn obsequies.

Joseph Kehl, an aged and highly respected resident of the East End, was called to his eternal reward last Sunday, after an illness that extended over a year. His funeral took place Tuesday morning from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and was largely attended. Deceased was a native of Germany, and surviving him are two sons, Herman and Edward Kehl, and three daughters, Mrs. Philip Hendricks, Mrs. Charles Baumgarten and Miss Ruth Kehl.

There seems every prospect that this year we shall see the soft Indian cashmere permanently restored to feminine favor.

## WORTHY

Celebration of St. Patrick's Day Causes Many Laudable Comments.

Custom of Drowning Shamrock in Copious Potations Is Discouraged.

Gaelic League Wants General Closing Law Making It Compulsory.

## IEWS OF AN ABLE IRISH EDITOR

Concerning the recent celebration of St. Patrick's day in Ireland the Dundalk Democrat says: There is no more healthy sign of the times in Ireland than the change that is taking place in the manner of celebrating the national festival. Not very many years ago the popular idea of celebrating St. Patrick's day tended too much in the direction of "drowning the shamrock," and we fear that it must be admitted that the result was such that it would have been better that the festival had been totally ignored. Of late, thanks to the new ideas that found a mouthpiece in the Gaelic League, we have come to take a more national and worthy view of our duties and obligations in this respect, and surely the good saint who brought the light of faith to our shores must look down with gratitude and with pleasure on those who are laboring to make the celebration of St. Patrick's day worthy of him whose memory we honor.

Foremost amongst the objects aimed at by the Irish Irelanders in connection with the celebration of St. Patrick's day is the total closing of the public houses on the festival. In this we are glad to say, to the credit of a class who are often roundly condemned (and not without some reason), the licensed traders in many of our Irish towns have cheerfully acquiesced in the closing of their trade rivals should be likewise. Now, notably in Dundalk, and largely owing to the enthusiasm and hard work of Henry Morris, the late Secretary of the Gaelic League, the closing of the public houses on St. Patrick's day has become an accomplished fact, through the influence of public spirit and the good will of the majority of the publicans themselves. Doubtless wherever an appeal is made to the publicans, backed by a sound robust expression of local feeling, the same good results will be obtained. But to ensure the success of this movement, and to prevent greedy or cross-grained liquor dealers spoiling a movement which largely depends upon the unanimity of the trade, the closing of the public houses should be made imperative.

For this purpose the Irish party ought to introduce legislation making the closing of public houses on St. Patrick's day compulsory. Such a law could not injure any decent publican, and would compel his rivals of less public spirit to toe the line. In Dundalk and many other towns St. Patrick's day has now come to be observed as a national holiday. There are places where this has not yet been established; but that is solely owing to the lack of a virile national spirit in the people. We think it will be found that in such places the "bank holidays" established by the British Legislature, are most religiously observed. Now we have never been able to understand the bigoted people who protest that Ireland can never be industrially prosperous while her Catholic people lose so much valuable time on church holy days. There are but ten such days in the year, yet the bigoted people object to Catholic holy days, and the very people who want a week off at Christmas, and another at Easter, and won't work on Whit Monday, or on the first Monday in August—or perhaps for a day or two after. We think there ought to be no fighting spirit in Irishmen to insist on at least the festival of the national saint being properly observed as a day of rest, rejoicing and thanksgiving; and we hope the time is at hand when we shall see it so fringed and to end of the land the good St. Patrick loved so well and labored for so long. This is a duty that Irishmen owe to themselves, to their country and to God, who inspired that good saint to bring the light of Christianity to our shores, and who has kept our faith strong and pure through all the centuries of darkness and persecution.

## BELLS ARE READY.

Peal For St. Anthony's Church Blessed Sunday.

\*With impressive ceremonies and in the presence of a large congregation the magnificent set of bells that will ring from the handsome new tower of St. Anthony's church were blessed and christened last Sunday afternoon by the Rev. James P. Cronin, Vicar General of the diocese, assisted by Rev. Leo Greulich and others of the local clergy. Rev. Louis M. Miller, Provincial of the Order of Minor Conventuals, came from Syracuse especially to preach the sermon, and received a welcome that showed he still holds a warm place in the hearts of the people to whom he ministered for years.

The bells are three, two and one ton in weight each and cost \$3,000. They arrived last week from Germany and are now being put in position in the tower, where they will first peal forth on the Saturday before Easter. The largest bell was christened Margaret, the second Edna and the smallest Monica. The Young Ladies' Sodality contributed the largest bell, and it was named in honor of Mrs. Margaret Fry, who died some time ago. The second bell was contributed by St. Edwards Commandery of the Knights of St. John, and the smallest bell was donated by the Woman's Society, of which St. Monica is the patroness.

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## FIERCE FLAMES

Wrought Heavy Damage to Butchertown Brewery Plant.

Flames of an unknown origin damaged the Butchertown Brewery's plant on Story avenue to the extent of \$50,000 last Tuesday night. Fortunately the main building was not injured and there has been no cessation of business, although the company will be put to extra trouble and expense until new buildings can be erected. The loss was fully covered by insurance, and work on removing the debris preparatory to erecting new and more substantial structures are already under way.

There are few more popular business men in Louisville than John F. Oertel, President of the company, and William Rueff, the Vice President. When it became known that the plant was afire expressions of sympathy were heard on every hand. All the other breweries in the city proffered their assistance. Some of the brewers for storing the manufactured product were accepted, but the loss was not as bad as it might have been had it not been for the good work of the fire department.

The Butchertown Brewery Company some time ago prepared to erect new buildings in place of those destroyed Tuesday night. Plans and specifications had been submitted to an architect and blue prints made, but the project was postponed when the recent anti-liquor crusade developed. Now the work will proceed according to the original plans and as rapidly as possible. The men employed at the plant will not lose any time as a result of the fire. The business will go on as heretofore.

## CATHOLIC KNIGHTS.

Secretary Martin Issues Call For State Council Here.

Pursuant to the ruling of State President Joseph Deiterman and the wishes of the Central Committee of this city, State Secretary Albert F. Martin has issued the official call for the State convention, which will be held in Louisville on Tuesday, September 8. In accordance with this action it will be necessary for every branch of the State Council to send delegates to the first regular meeting after receipt of the State Secretary's notice, and they will immediately forward the names of those chosen.

It is further ordered that those branches that recently paid the extra per capita assessment that was levied shall be given credit for the same when the next levy is made by the Assessment Board in June. All branches are also requested to report to the State Secretary their total membership up to and including March 31, 1908, so that the proper rating may be made by the Board of Assessment.

The Central Committee and the various branches will soon arrange the programme for the entertainment of the State convention, which is of the State of Kentucky, as well as most important held for many years.

## INSPECTION.

Knights of St. John to Appear in Fatigue Uniforms.

The great event of the year for the Knights of St. John, and looked for with unusual interest by the six commanderies that comprise the First District of Kentucky, is the annual inspection and drill, which will take place at Phoenix Hill Park on the evening of Monday, May 4. (In 1907 it was held at the same place.) The inspection will show its full strength, and in their handsome uniforms the scene will indeed be a military one. Col. Theo. Poppe will put the regiment through the drill and each commandery will give an exhibition.

A feature that will both please and surprise the gathering will be the initial appearance of the crack St. Michael's Commandery of St. Peter's parish, now known as "The Colonel's Own," in their bright and handsome new fatigue uniforms. This commandery is the strongest in the district, numbering sixty swordsmen, and is commanded by Capt. Breen, who may enter his men in the big prize drill at the coming national convention.

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## DEATH WAS SUDDEN.

Patrick Ryan, sixty-nine years of age, died alone in his room at 1238 Rowan street on Tuesday of last week. He was born in Ireland but had lived in Louisville since he was twelve years old, and for thirty years past he had been night watchman in the employ of Bryne & Speed. The deceased was a friend of Joseph Taylor, a veteran Hibernian, and intended to leave him his little fortune of \$1,000. Unfortunately death overtook Mr. Ryan before he had an opportunity to have his will drawn. His funeral took place last St. Patrick's church Monday morning. As yet his estate has not been disposed of.

## WHITWASH.

Great Big Brushes and Plenty of Lime Are Now in Demand.

Much Smoke Causes Suspicion of Fire in Bribery Rumors.

Reform City Officials and Their Backers Are Losing Ground.

## IS THE POLICE CHIEF DISGUSTED

A week ago the Kentucky Irish American called attention to the proposed investigation of the rumors that undue influences had been brought to bear on members of both boards of the Louisville General Council in connection with the passage of the Fetter electric lighting franchise ordinance. It also suggested that the investigation be open and above board if any good were to be accomplished. The investigation was held and to many it was farcical in the extreme. Instead of the two boards sitting as a committee of the whole, or instead of each board holding its own investigation as committee of the whole, in the two boards separate committees were named, and these committees summoned only such witnesses as they pleased. Even then there was dirty linen aired, as the daily press reports show, and while the committees are prepared to waive testimony from whom rumors are connected there are many who are convinced that there must be some fire where so much smoke is in evidence. In the lower board Councilman Eugene Daily was the only inspector—not the respected Eugene Daily, the veteran detective, but the Eugene Daily who has one brother a Magistrate, another brother in the City Engineer's department and still another in the health department.

Think of a dozen or more reform city fathers going to a saloon, not to get a drink, not to talk politics, but merely to inspect a new automatic piano. The evidence showed that the members also went to the Old Inn and ate a one-course dinner at the expense of the man who aspires to be President of the lower board of the General Council. Matters were discussed there, say the witnesses, not how to pass the Fetter franchise ordinance, but how to outwit President Forst and how to defeat his rulings. It also developed that Mr. Fetter partook of that meal; that he had purchased drinks and cigars for Aldermen and Councilmen; that he did it because he wanted them to consider him a good fellow.

Why Mr. Fetter's sudden change of front? Did he ever want his employees, his printers and his printing pressmen to consider him a good fellow? Does he try to be a good fellow with the union pickets outside his doors these days?

The investigating committees from each board asked only such questions as they desired, and when the answers did not suit their purpose the witnesses were shut off. None of the witnesses who gave testimony were protected by the advice of an attorney. Some of them were subjected to indignities from which they had no recourse.

Incidentally the investigation revealed that the reformers are split in two camps and that W. Marshall Bullitt is persona non grata to several members of both boards. It also revealed that Col. Richard W. Knott and the Evening Post were holding out in defense of these alleged reformers, who if what persistent rumor says be true will bring greater disgrace on the city than did the famous Big Seven of a few years ago. People are wondering how any respectable editor or journal can defend these men until a full and fair investigation has shown that all were unworthy. The Evening Post has been a strong advocate and partisan of W. Marshall Bullitt. It is still sounding his praise and praising his methods. Yet it developed during the recent investigation that Bullitt was meeting with Councilmen and Aldermen in and over saloons and was paying for the drinks. He is a reformer that has opposed saloons.

Last Tuesday many residents of Louisville were surprised to see many negroes, clothed in raffron-hued garments and with white headgear, cleaning the streets. These uniforms cost something. Who pays for them? Is there a graft in it? No harm can come from asking the question. It was noticeable that these uniformed men were all negroes; that reformers, in their words, had dismissed several hundred white men to make way for negroes.

Rumor follows rumor that Jacob H. Haager, disgusted with the continual interference of the members of the Board of Public Safety, seriously contemplates resigning as Chief of Police. Last Sunday, it is said, the board took plain clothes men out of his hands, took them to the board's office and instructed them as to the manner of catching Sunday lld lifters. Men were transferred from one district to another because the board, not the Chief, said so.

Just one more sample of reform. Officer Robert Spinner, who died last week, while on his death bed was tried by the Board of Public Safety for alleged election offenses committed in 1905 and was dismissed from the police force. This same board appointed to a place in the fire department about the same time a man convicted of assaulting a young woman and sentenced to serve eight years in the penitentiary.